

MR. SPEAKER (Addressing Sri Revannasiddappa).—Please, do it during the course of the debate.

Sri SANJEEVANATH IKALA.—Among these 70 schemes, how many of them are small dams?

Sri.—VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have no details.

Sanctioning of a Fire Brigade Unit to Davangere City.

*Q.—194. Sri B. L. GOWDA (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Davangere City Municipality has granted site of two acres for the location of a Fire Brigade at the Davangere City in view of 5 Textile Mills and other factories located there;

(b) if so when they intend to sanction Fire Brigade Unit to Davangere City;

(c) whether they are aware that major fire accidents are occurring in Davangere City frequently?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—

(a) No.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

(c) Some fire accidents have occurred in the town during recent years.

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—What are the conditions requisite for starting a Fire Brigade Unit?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Pre-requisite is the demand of that locality.

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that the Davangere City Municipality and merchants have come forward

with donations for starting a Fire Brigade at Davangere?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Government has already sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.65,000 for this as a loan.

Sri GANJI VEERAPPA.—It is not a fact that the Davangere Municipality and the local Mills have agreed to contribute for starting a Fire Brigade Unit?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is already sanctioned.

Sri GANJI VEERAPPA.—If so, why this matter is delayed and what time it may take to complete the work?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It has been sanctioned and Government have also issued an order. It requires sometime to get the equipment.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—Can you give us an estimate of the loss on the fire accidents and the number of accidents that have occurred?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—In all, there are 21 accidents. Out of these, only one is said to be a major one causing damage to the tune of one lakh Rupees or so. The rest of the accidents are minor in the sense causing less than Rs. 5,000. In the years 1952, 1953, 1957 and 1958, there were no accidents. In the year 1959, there were 6 accidents causing damage about Rs. 1,44,000, and in the year 1962, the damage is about Rs. 10,000.

Sri B. L. GOWDA.—In answer to (b) it is stated that the matter is under consideration and now you say that it has been sanctioned. May I know which is correct.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Both are correct.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—‘Both are correct’ ಎಂದರೆ, ಅದು ಹೇಗೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—At the time when the reply was written and submitted, it was under consideration. Now it is sanctioned. Hence both are correct.